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This meticulously complete and reliable coverage of plastics terminology in German and English (1st ed. 1948) now appears in a 2-volume edition, after over three years (1956-59) of thorough-going revision and enlargement, in keeping with the still burgeoning development of the field. All basic plastics vocabulary sources in Germany, England, Canada and the United States up through 1959 have been exhaustively exploited. Target language definitions are liberally amplified by explanations in the entry language, many even with cross-references to the literature. With its abundant clarifying figures and its appendices and conversion tables, in fact, the Wittfoht work transcends the rôle of mere dictionary: besides this it is also a veritable vademecum of the field and a valuable reference in connection with adjacent fields, and as such of overall usefulness to the translator. According to the preface, a Spanish and a French version are also in preparation. When the next English-German/German-English edition appears — as it surely will — the author will do well to remedy the often poor English of the non-technical prose (cf. preface, and even the English title) — a shortcoming not apparent in the definitions proper and best describable perhaps as letting one's German slip show.

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